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SUBJECT: SUGAR SHIPMENTS AND RUMORS

REF: (A) MANILA 5950; (B) MANILA 5951

1. APPRECIATE PROMPT EMBASSY RESPONSES TO DEPT INQUIRIES.
 2. ONE RUMOR, ALSO REFLECTED REF (B), HAS REACHED DEPT FROM SUGAR TRADE AND CONCERNS INTEREST AMONG SOME IN GOP AND PHIL SUGAR TRADE IN FILLING ONLY BASIC QUOTA (1,126,020 SHORT TONS) AND NOT TOTAL QUOTAS AND PRORATIONS (1,599,081 SHORT TONS). TRADE HERE WAS ASKED, IF THIS WAS DONE, WHETHER (A) PENALTY PROVISIONS OF SUGAR ACT (SECTION 202 (D) (4)) WOULD BE IMPOSED, AND (B) WHETHER THERE WOULD BE ADVERSE CONGRESSIONAL REACTION. TRADE SOURCE RESPONDED THAT ANSWER TO BOTH QUESTIONS IS CLEARLY AFFIRMATIVE. IN THIS CONNECTION EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE FOLLOWING EXCERPT FROM HOUSE
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AG COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON H.R. 14747:

QUOTE THE COMMITTEE INTENDS THAT COUNTRIES ENJOYING SUCH DEFICITS SHALL BE OBLIGATED TO SUPPLY THEM AND, UNLESS THE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE IS NOTIFIED IN A TIMELY FASHION OF A COUNTRY'S INABILITY TO DO SO, FOR REASONS OF FORCE MAJEURE, THAT THE PENALTY PROVISIONS OF THE ACT, APPLICABLE TO FAILURE TO FILL QUOTAS, SHOULD BE IMPOSED. END QUOTE. THERE IS ALSO PRECEDENT FOR SUCH PENALTIES.

3. AS EMBASSY AWARE, CONGRESSIONAL REACTION TO WORLD MARKET SALES BY PHILIPPINES WHEN U.S. MARKET TIGHT AND TOTAL QUOTA AND ENTITLEMENTS NOT FILLED WOULD BE IMMEDIATE AND STRONGLY ADVERSE. HOUSE AG COMMITTEE GENERAL COUNSEL, WITH WHOM DEPT IN CONTACT ON RUMORS, SAID MAY 21 HE IS CERTAIN CHAIRMAN POAGE WOULD INSIST ON QUOTA REDUCTION IN CONFERENCE COMMITTEE IN SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES.

4. DEPT HOPES FURTHER STATEMENT ON PHIL INTENTIONS WILL BE FORTHCOMING SOON. IF POSSIBLE, EMBASSY SHOULD URGE THAT IT CALL FOR FULFILLMENT ENTIRE U.S. QUOTA BEFORE ANY WORLD MARKET SALES. RUSH

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